

THE OLD STORY.

New York, Aug. 4.—At a meeting of the Plymouth Church investigating committee last evening, a letter was presented from the Rev. Dr. Storrs, in which he stated that he had no personal knowledge of the matters which came before the committee; that he had seen a statement signed by Mrs. Tilton, and referred to in Mr. Carpenter's statements, and in Mrs. Tilton's testimony of Friday evening, which contained a charge expressed in these words: "I intended to become a wife to him with all that is implied in this relation. This proposition I communicated to my husband." But the counsel for the defense, Mr. Beecher, Dr. Storrs expressed the opinion it would not be necessary for him to appear before the committee. The Brooklyn Argus says that the following interchange of letters took place between Dr. Storrs and Mr. Sage, chairman of the Beecher investigating committee, and Theodore Tilton:

in which I knew not how to answer properly for myself. Twice already, I have been before this unexpected tribunal, and may be called before it a third time on Wednesday next. Meantime, my counsel, to whom I have just shown a copy of the letter, has suggested that I should call on the members, papers or remaining testimony before your committee, nor to hold any further communication with you in any form except to send you this present and final letter containing the reasons for this step. These reasons are the following: First, you are called on to do so voluntarily, and I am not expected by himself, expected to act in his behalf, assisted by attorneys employed expressly for his vindication, holding secret sessions inaccessible to the public, having no power to compel witnesses, giving no opportunity for the opposite side to cross-examine such as voluntarily appear, and without expressing their testimony as you see fit, and so, far as my own experience goes, asking me no questions save such as were irrelevant to the case, and omitting to publish in your imperfect and unjust report of my testimony all that was not voluntarily given, and thus creating controversy. Second, the daily papers of Brooklyn and New York have been artfully fed by day with crumbs of fictitious evidence against my own character, as if no Mr. Beecher, but I alone were the man on trial, and though I have the right, perhaps, to hold you and your committee responsible for this daily misrepresentation, which may come through the malice of others, yet the result is the same to me as if you had deliberately designed it, and that result is this, namely, except to just excuse me from your tribunes, I can do you no good, and I cannot possibly force you from your reporters, since they do not give impartial reports. Third, I can no resist the conviction, though I mean no offense in expressing it, that your committee has come at last to be as little satisfactory to me as to you, and that you would, if, if you render one, could not possibly be based on the full facts, since you have no power to compel witnesses, nor to verify their testimony by oath, nor to sift it to cross examination. For those reasons which ought to have moved me earlier, I have delayed to do so to you, and I now leave it once at his discretion to carry my case from your jurisdiction to a court of law and in view of this instruction from me, he has in turn instructed me to hold no further communication with your committee, except the necessary letter of courtesy, in which I have the honor to add you farewell, a document which I am unable to entertain for you committee, as a tribunal, I can not help expressing for you, each and all, as individuals.

Truly yours, THEODORE TILTON.

Frank Moulton arrived in Brooklyn this morning. He said that an invitation has been made to appear before the investigating committee. He decided to go, and was ready and willing to go before the committee if both parties requested it. He said that he had not received a letter from Mr. Beecher, asking him to go before the committee, and that Mr. Moulton said with great sincerity that he had not addressed the opinion expressed to the committee that the matter should have been compromised. He regretted that

did not confess adultery to him. It was the other way. He confessed to improper relations with several women and told her

Mr. Henry Ward Beecher called upon me this evening and asked me if I would defend him against any accusation in a court of law.

me order you off these grounds. Do you hear me?" I rose on my feet and said, "If there is one spot on earth that is mine,

ear to use them in defending myself. I do
ere ask you to place before the committee a
it papers which Mr. Tilton may have given

by the sacred duty they perform, and the minds and hearts benefited by thoughts of the noble dead.